

New Bridge
Private

CE-896, CE-897, CE-898, CE-899

A small grouping of late 19th Century residential structures stand near the northern most Maryland crossing of the Octoraro Creek at New Bridge. The small community developed under the influence of the once active Sun Paper Mill along the east side of the Octoraro. A sturdy iron Pratt through-truss span (CE-896) replaced its predecessor in the late 19th Century under the direction Charles H. Latrobe. The commission and construction of the bridge were completed during the term of County Commissioners, William Potter, Wilson Pierson, and Elis Sentman. Local oral tradition links the crossings name of 'New Bridge' with the completion of the new span. The J. S. Ray store and residence (CE-897) is a typical two story three bay frame house with a commercial bay attached to the west gable end. Other structures in the immediate area are modest two story two or three bay frame houses. (CE-898, 899)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File #881

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

/ HISTORIC

Richards House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

New Bridge Road east of intersection with Sterret Rd.

CITY, TOWN

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☐ PUBLIC☒ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ BUILDING(S)☒ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☐ ACCESSIBLE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ NO☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Chester County Council of The Boy

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Scouts of America

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CE-899

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The W. Richards House c. 1850-1860 is a 2½ story I-House on New Bridge Road just east of the intersection with Sterrett Road. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The main block is 3 bays across by one room deep. A 2 story ell addition extends to the back from the main block. The entire structure rests on an uncoursed stone basement and is sheathed with asbestos siding over weatherboard. The medium sloped slate roof has extended eaves and sloped soffits.

The south facade is 3 bays across with a central entrance. 6/6 sash windows flank the door and are symmetrically placed on the second floor. The trim is plain. The main entrance has a five light transom and sidelights. The late 19th century molded panel door still remains. Molded panels are also found below each sidelight. The central windows on the second floor are a double 4/4 sash openings. Two 6/6 sash windows are found on each floor of the gable ends and a single 6/6 sash in the peaks of the gables.

Interior stretcher bond brick chimney protrude through the roof on each hall wall. Iron lightening rods with porcelain balls are also found along the ridge. A single story shed roof porch is attached to the main facade and its tin roof is supported by turned posts with scrolled brackets. The soffits were left open. Saw-tooth edged boards decorate the ends of the roof.

The ell addition is similar in detail with the main block. A 20th century shed roof porch extends off the west side of the ell. A small stretcher bond stove stack protrudes out of the gable end.

Entrance was not gained in this case. Due to the basically unaltered exterior, the interior may possibly retain a good deal of its early trim.

A large barn with board and siding and an uncoursed stone foundation is found to the west of the main house. It has the same iron lightening rods as the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house has architectural merit in that it is one of the more substantial structures in the area that retains its late 19th century detail. It lends to the late 19th century community development in the area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

10/31/78

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

398-7568

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

Maryland

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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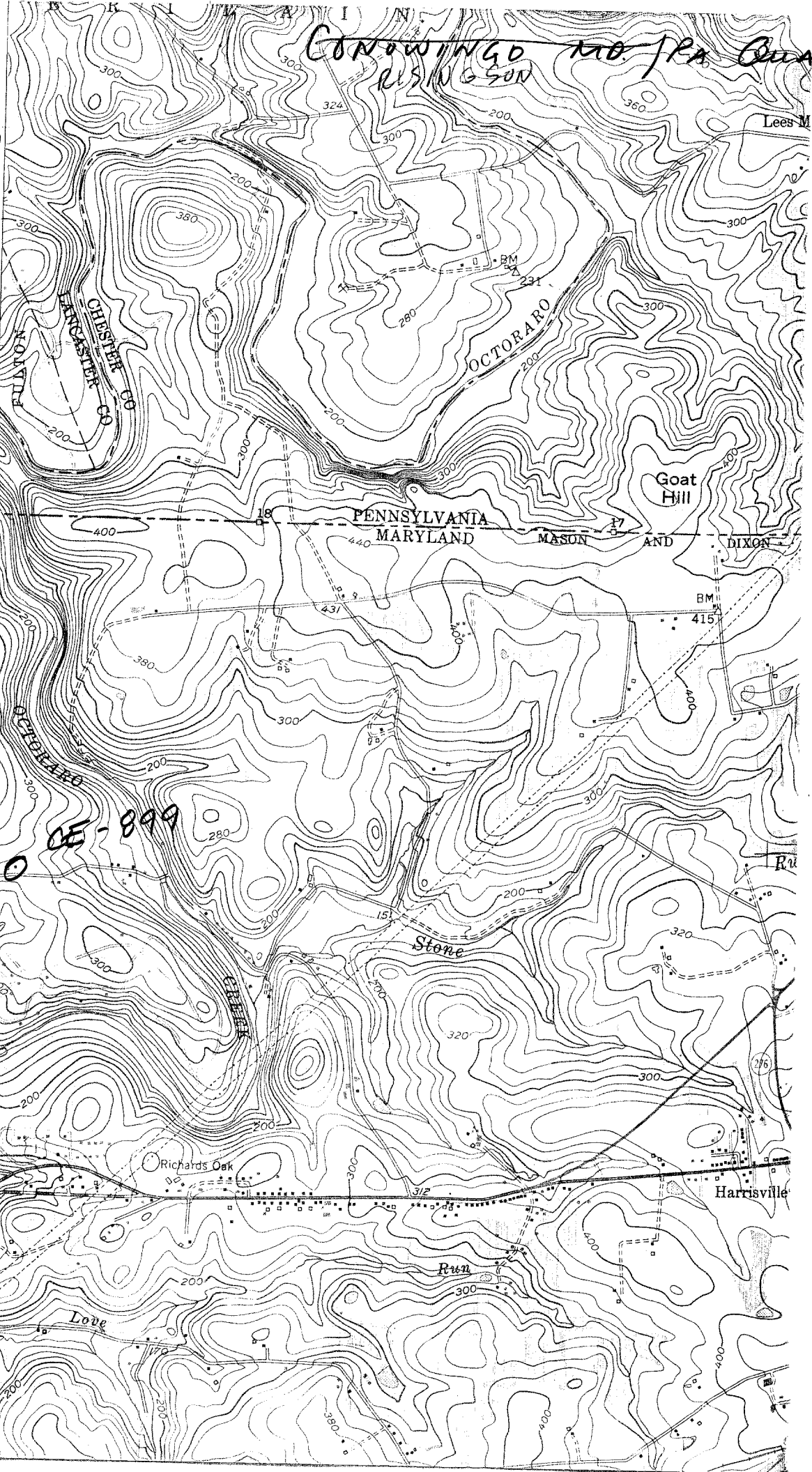
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Run

Love



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Wm RICHARDS House

SOUTHWESTERN ELEVATION

CONOWINGO, MD.

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